Sl. No.	State	1995		1996		1997		1998	
		SCs	STs	SCs	STs	SCs	STs	SCs	STs
20.	Rajasthan	94	43	127	41	158	41	26	NA
21.	Sikkim	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	NA
22.	Tamil Nadu	6	0	19	0	9	2	0	NA
23.	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
24.	Uttar Pradesh	321	1	324	8	302	1	39	NA
25.	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
	TOTAL (STATES)	872	368	949	314	1034	311	198	NA
26.	A&N Islands	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	NA
27.	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
28.	D&N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
29.	Daman & Diu	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	NA
30.	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
32.	Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
	TOTAL (UTS)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	NA
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	872	369	949	314	1034	312	198	NA

SOURCE: Monthly Crime Statistics.
NOTE: 1. Figures are Provisional.
2. NA Stands for not Available.

Central Team to West Bengal

3869. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of West Bengal has asked Government to convene a meeting of the Inter-State Council to discuss the sending the Central team to West Bengal on the pretext of the law and order situation; and

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister of West Bengal has requested that a meeting of the Inter-state Council may be convened at the earliest to discuss the scope, application and interpretation of article 355 of the Constitution of India. The matter is under consideration.

Foreign inspired terrorism in J&K

3870. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents related to foreign agency inspired terrorist activities in the last two months in Jammu and Kashmir and the details thereof;

(b) whether our nuclear status and 'proactive' approach is succeeding in acting as a deterrent or not;

(c) if so, in what manner; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) As per available information, there were 477 incidents of terrorist related violence in J&K including hurling of grenades, explosions, arson, rocket attacks, random/cross firing, arms snatching,

abduction etc. during the period from 1.5.98 to 30.6.98.

(b) to (d) The proxy war unleashed by Pakistan and its agencies in J&K is an ongoing war of attrition with the militants adopting diverse and ever changing strategies and taking advantage of the difficult terrain. Hence the achievement of spectacular results takes time . However, stragegies to pre-emt and counter the threat of militancy are monitored, reviewed and re-oriented as per the threat perceptions from time to time.

Anti-Isurgency Plan for J&K

3871. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of anti-insurgernсy plans finalised by Government to tackle terrorist activities in Jammu & Kashmir.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): With a view to tackling the militancy problem sponsored from across the border in Jammu & Kashmir, the Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes inter-alia strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of militants by proactive action against them in hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, galvanising development programmes and deepening the democratic process etc.

Looting by extremists on NH-39 and 53

3872. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that bus services and lorry traffic through the NH-39 and 53 has become impossible due to the attacks and looting carried on by the extremist groups; and

(b) what steps have been taken to give adequate protection to traffic especially to bus services and lorry services through National Highways No. 39 and 53 which are the life lines of Manipur?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Government is aware of the problems being encountered in flow of traffic on NH-39 and NH-53 in Manipur due to activities of various extremist groups.

(b) Government of Manipur has been advised to ensure that the movement of traffic on the National Highways is not disrupted. Whenever necessary, the movement of vehicles on these National Highways is done under escort. Army and Central Para Military Forces provide necessary assistance in this regard.

Ethnic Clashes in Manipur

3873. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people died due to ethnic clashes in between Zoanis and Kukis in Chandrachur district of Manipur;

(b) the number of families have fled away from the area; and

(c) whether the Central Government had taken any steps to asist the Manipur Government to bring back these people who fled away and to rehabilitate them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) As per figures furnished by the Government of Manipur, 267 persons lost their lives in the period 24.6.97 to 14.7.98 due to ethnic clashes between Kukis and Paites in Churachandpur district of Manipur.

(b) It is estimated that around 13,000 people were displaced in the ethnic conflict. It is reported that almost all the displaced persons have since returned to their respective villages.